

NO CONTACT IN THE NORTH

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Thin horns need our help...



- April 2014 Thinhorn summit (Vancouver BC)
- Thin horns are immunologically very naïve compared to bighorns
- Disease spread from contact with domestic sheep has decimated bighorn sheep in the south
- Domestic sheep farming pressure is currently low in the north
- Lack of awareness on disease issue
- A proactive approach is needed

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- Dall's and Stone's sheep range in Alaska, Yukon, NWT, and northern BC
- 75,000 - 95,000 Dall's sheep
- 15,500 Stone's sheep
- Thinhorn Summit priority action items:
 - Develop regulatory framework to prevent disease from domestic sheep/goats to thinhorn sheep
 - Farming and packing

Multi-jurisdictional and range wide

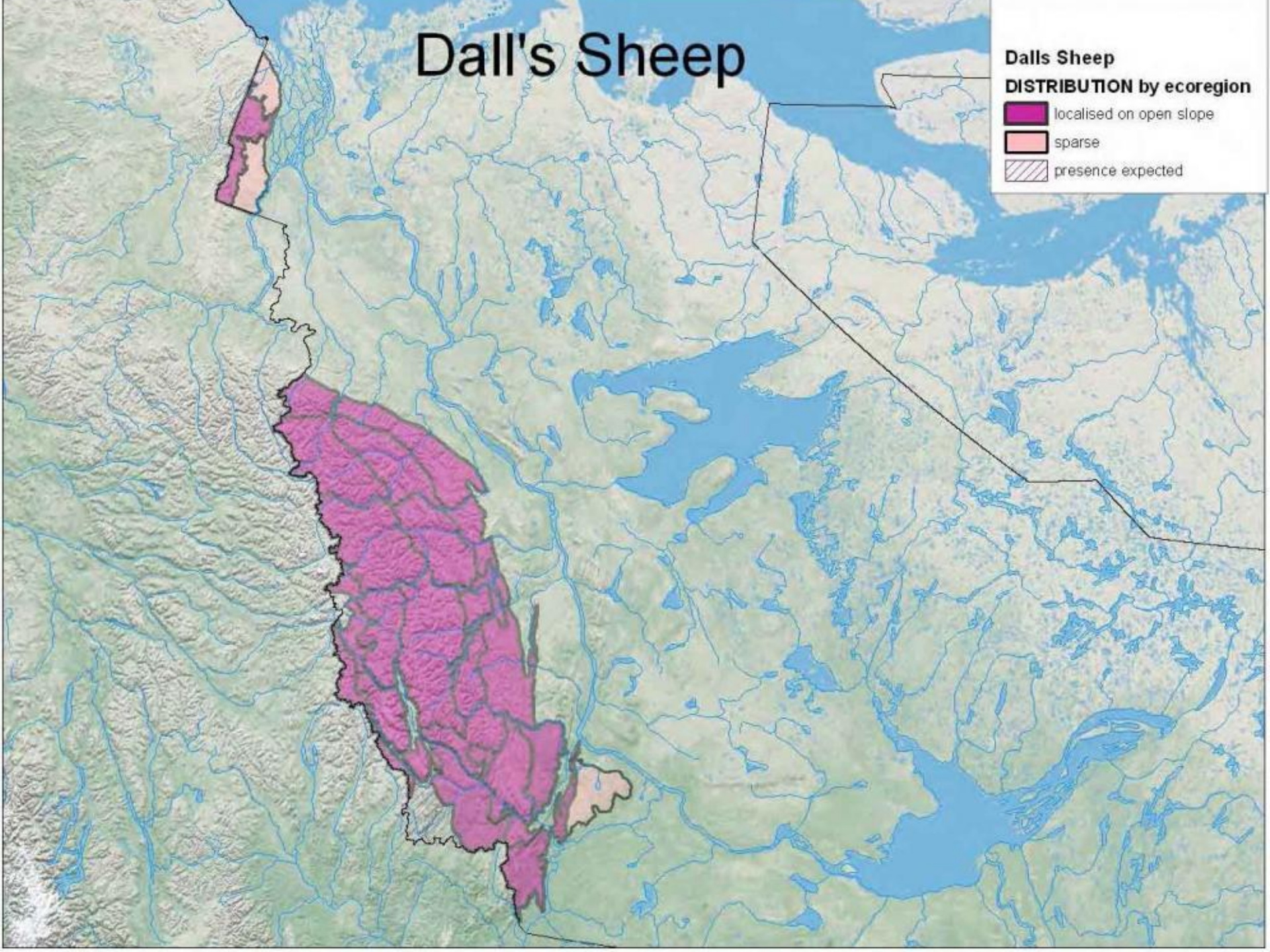


- Points of contact, established working group
- Unique jurisdictional context
 - NWT Settlement areas: Sahtu vs Dehcho
 - Yukon Agricultural land applications
- Coordinate sharing of information
 - Alaska: Dall's Sheep Management Plan, Briefing Notes
- Public and government presentations
 - NWT: Dehcho Wildlife Workshop (Oct 2014)
 - Yukon: Whitehorse, Dawson City (April 2015)

Dall's Sheep

Dalls Sheep
DISTRIBUTION by ecoregion

- localised on open slope
- sparse
- presence expected



Support from BC...

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Resolution no. 2005-04

Re: Domestic Sheep And Goats In Wild Sheep And Mountain Goat Habitat

WHEREAS throughout our First Nations territories, both domestic sheep and goats exist where wild populations of sheep (bighorn and thinhorn) and mountain goats currently or can potentially reside;

WHEREAS that when domestic sheep and goats come into contact with wild populations of sheep and mountain goats, the wild populations can suffer illnesses and/or death associated with transferable diseases spread from domestic sheep and goats to wild populations of sheep and mountain goats;

WHEREAS that when domestic sheep and goats come into contact with wild sheep and goats disease transfer of *Pasteurella* and/or *Mannheimia species* bacteria can cause all age class die-offs/epizootics of the wild populations which can potentially decimate and/or exterminate the wild populations;

WHEREAS the introduction of *Pasteurella* and/or *Mannheimia species* bacteria or any other bacteria, viruses parasites and/or microorganisms that may or potentially be transferred between domesticated livestock/pets and wildlife would pose a significant infringement of First Nations title and rights;

WHEREAS this infringement on First Nations title and rights in the form of loss of priority, access and priority of access to wildlife for food, societal and ceremonial purposes would pose a significant infringement of our title and/or rights and our consent would be required;

- Union of BC Indian Chiefs 2005 Resolution
- Regional District Zoning
- Animal Health Act
- Ministry of Agriculture “options paper”

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- Increase awareness
- Develop policy
- Keep sheep on the mountain

